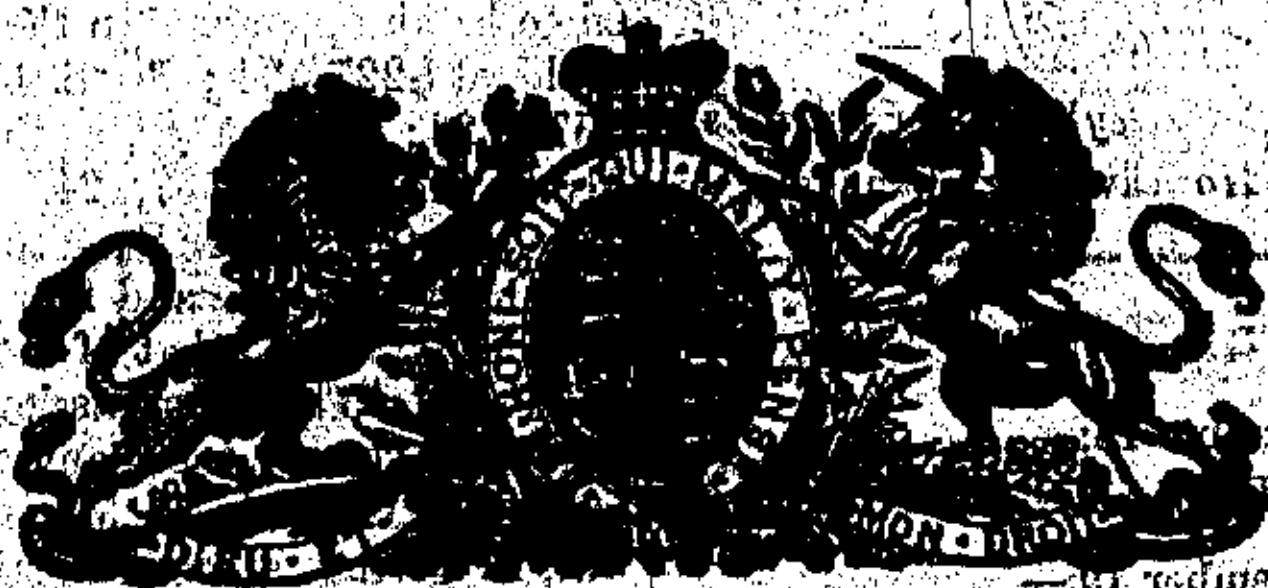


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British barque Palestine, 508, hence to Bangkok, \$450 in full.
British barque Strathmore, 500, hence to Calcutta, private.
British barque Presto, 384, Keelung to Shanghai, \$2.25 per ton of 20 cwt., 12 lay days.
British barque Cuba, 320, Keelung to Hongkong, (2 trips), \$1.65 per ton of 20 cwt., 13 lay days.
German barque Paris, 276, Keelung to Hongkong, \$1.70 per ton of 20 cwt., 12 lay days.
German 3-m. schooner Japan, 270, Negros (Philippines) to Hongkong, (Timber), 25 cents per foot.
German barque Marie, 465, hence to Dusseldorf (N.Z.), private.
British 3-m. schooner Uzziah, 219, hence to Haiphong and back, \$1,235 in full, 30 lay days.
German ship Gustav and Marie, 354, hence to Haiphong and back, 23 cents per picul, 30 lay days.
British steamer Ambato, 973, Shanghai to Taku, 23 candelons per picul, 12 lay days.
British steamer Rajanathanur, 933, monthly charter, 1 to 2 months, private.
British steamer Zambonga, 561, monthly charter, 3 to 6 months, private.
British steamer West Stanley, 933, monthly charter, 6 months, private.
British steamer Maharajah, 934, monthly charter, 3 to 6 months, private.
The British ship Harbinger, 1505 tons, leaves for Adelaide and Melbourne, 559 tons for Manila, under orders from home.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Nov. 13. Dale, British steamer, 664, Thompson, Haiphong Nov. 14, via Haiphong, General.—Douglas Larraik & Co.
Nov. 13. Conquest, British steamer, 316, Hamlin, Haiphong Nov. 13, via Haiphong, Alce and General.—Kwong Yuen.
Nov. 16. Norma, British steamer, 506, Walker, Swatow Nov. 15, General.—Kwong Yuen.
Nov. 15. Fox, Chinese steamer, 970, General.—Kwong Yuen.

A. Crood, Shanghai Nov. 13, General.—O. M. S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES.

Nov. 16. Talsman, for a cruise.
16. Kjobenhavn, for Swatow.
16. Rajanathanur, for Shanghai.
16. Strathairn, for Shanghai.
16. Tibe, for Yokohama.
16. Elmstone, for Manila.
16. Harbinger, for Adelaide.
16. The Murray, for Cebu.

CLEARED.

Kenton, for Bangkok.
Melbret, for Cebu.
Stagbourn, for Manila.
Fretle, for Keelung.
Siamese Crown, for Bangkok.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per Norma, from Swatow, Capt. Hawkins, Mr. Hahn, and 100 Chinese.
Per Fuyuen, from Shanghai, Miss Bonanza, Mr. Ng Achoy and 1 Chinese Cabin, and 170 Chinese.
Per Dale, from Haiphong via Haiphong, 42 Chinese.
Per Conquest, from Haiphong via Haiphong, 85 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Tibe, for Yokohama, Professor Dybrowsky, Fagier Vigroux and servant.
Per Kjobenhavn, for Swatow, 44 Chinese.
Per Rajanathanur, for Shanghai, 25 Chinese.
Per Harbinger, for Adelaide, 1 European.
Per The Murray, for Cebu, 1 European.
To DEPART.
Per Siamese Crown, for Bangkok, 20 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Dale reports: First part fresh N.W. winds, and latter part moderate S.E. winds and cloudy weather.
The British steamer Conquest reports: Fresh breeze and equally with rain first part, and moderate and fine the latter part.
The Chinese steamer Fuyuen reports: Light variable winds and fine weather throughout.

CARGO.

Per S. S. Glenfiddie, from Canton Waters to London, sailed 15th November, 1877: Tea—Congo, 2,510 lbs.; Scented Caper, 64,732 lbs.; S. O. Fakos, 5,796 lbs.—Total 78,038 lbs.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For SHANGHAI.—
Per PEIHO, at 11 a.m., on Saturday, the 17th inst. Late letters received from 11.10 to 11.30, with 18 cents late fee.
For WEST STANLEY, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 17th inst.
For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.—
Per DOUGLAS, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 17th inst.
For SAIGON.—
Per Barque TRIO, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 17th inst.
Per CASSANDRA, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the 22nd inst.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—

The English Contract Packet ZAMBESI will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 22nd instant.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 21st Instant.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.
6 p.m., Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.
Thursday, 22nd Instant.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.
10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents extra.
11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.
11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only, addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet, with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till
11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.
Hongkong, November 13, 1877. no22

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet ANADYR will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 29th instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles, to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suva, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

Letters may also be forwarded to India by this Packet.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 28th Instant.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.
Thursday, 29th Instant.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.
11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.
11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only, except those to and through Zanzibar, may be posted on payment to a late fee of 18 cents extra postage, till
11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.
Hongkong, November 13, 1877. no27

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
Noon.—West Stanley leaves for Shanghai.
4 p.m.—Pei-Ho leaves for Shanghai.

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, November 18:—
Daylight.—Douglas leaves for Coast Ports.

MONDAY, November 19:—
9 a.m.—Dale leaves for Haiphong, &c.
9 p.m.—Juvenile Concert at the Temperance Hall, Stanley Street.

TUESDAY, November 20:—
9 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Lodge.

THURSDAY, November 22:—
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Goods per Pei-Ho undelivered after Noon, subject to sent and landing charges.

FRIDAY, November 23:—
Noon.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

THURSDAY, December 6:—
9 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

MONDAY, December 31:—
Noon.—Sale of Ground and Buildings, at Messrs Lane, Crawford's Sale Room, Praya.

TUESDAY, January 15:—
Claims against the Estate of James Smith Forster, deceased, must be proved on or before this date.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.30 p.m.

15th.—Mrs Lassar.—Of a Daughter.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, NOV. 16, 1877.

The chief enactments in regard to the Opium Monopoly are found in Ordinance No. 2 of 1858, entitled "an Ordinance for Licensing and regulating the sale of prepared Opium." It provides for the disposal of the Monopoly to the highest bidder, if the Governor in Council thinks fit such bidder to be ascertained either by public auction or by tender, and before any individual can be declared the purchaser he is to give bond, with sureties, in the sum of \$10,000 at least, for the due performance of the contract. The Monopolist is empowered to grant licenses to all proper persons authorizing them to boil and prepare Opium, and to sell and retail it, these licenses to be issued in accordance with conditions notified by the Government. Unlicensed persons are prohibited from boiling or in any way preparing Opium or selling the prepared drug, but this prohibition does not extend to the sale of the opium for medicinal purposes by European medical practitioners or druggists. Persons employed in any department of the public service are disqualified from becoming interested, directly or indirectly, in the Monopoly, and the importation of Opium is prohibited. The penalties for breaches of the Ordinance, are: for the first offence, a fine not exceeding \$250, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or less than one day; for every subsequent offence, a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months. There is nothing in the Ordinance to obstruct the Government in undertaking the monopoly; and one of the sections reads: "In default of any such person (Contractor) 'His Excellency in Council is hereby empowered to grant licenses to all proper persons, with raising them to boil and prepare Opium.'"

The questionable character of the data obtained by Sir Arthur Kennedy's Commission in 1873 as to the returns of the Opium Farm is very clearly shown by the wide difference between the various estimates given by the witnesses examined by Mr May and Mr Ryrie. Mr Fan Ahwe, who was not engaged in the Opium Trade but was supposed to be well informed on the subject, estimated the gross receipts of the Farm at \$258,668. See Ahoy, a member of the firm of Monopolists, at \$269,124, or rather this estimate was deduced from his statements. Ho Loong, manager of the guild holding the Monopoly, at

\$159,884; Lee Aching, who was believed to be an opponent in the trade of the guild, at \$227,534; Mr S. D. Sassoon at \$577,124; Mr Agabeg, at the same; and Mr Linstead at \$337,124. The highest estimate, that of Mr Sassoon, was, therefore, between three and four times larger than the lowest, that of the manager of the Farm. The Commission do not appear to have obtained any aid from the officials of the Chinese Maritime Service, but in giving some statistics compiled from the manifests of vessels trading to the Colony, they state that from information gathered from various sources there could be no doubt that very considerable quantities of Opium were exported in an unauthorized manner, that is to say, concealed among the baggage of Chinese passengers to avoid paying freight in the first instance and with a view, afterwards, of smuggling the opium into the port for which they were destined; these remarks especially, the Commission thought, applied to California. The statistics of Messrs Sassoon and Agabeg, although so much in excess of others, were, in the opinion of the Commission, entitled to great consideration, those gentlemen being of all others in the Colony perhaps the most intimately connected with the Opium trade. Mr Linstead's evidence was also considered of some weight, he having for some time devoted his attention to the subject. The question, among others, had to be considered whether the entire quantity of the drug exported from the Colony was prepared by the Monopolists. Several of the witnesses before the Commission stated that Opium was prepared in the Colony clandestinely, and also that it was brought into the Colony and exported in like manner without paying license fees. The Commission, however, gave it as their opinion that, allowing for the vigilance of the Monopolists' informers, the quantity could not be very large. Nevertheless Messrs May and Ryrie had so little confidence in the statistics placed before them that they suggested the only method of arriving at the correct state of affairs was for the Government to take the monopoly into its own hands, establish one or more boiling establishments under its own supervision, and make these the only places at which it should be legal to boil opium, charging duty by the ball, or by the seal after boiling, or both, as might appear most advantageous. The evidence of the witnesses, they considered, had shown pretty conclusively that the cost of the establishment and the staff required to prevent illicit boiling would be amply covered by the increased receipts, and, in the event of such a scheme being tried, the Commission suggested as a means of detecting illicitly boiled Opium that a Government stamp should be put upon each tin packed in the boiling house, and a rigid supervision maintained over the shops of retail dealers. At the present time we should imagine the police, now it includes Chinese constables, would be able to prevent infringements of the Monopoly. The Monopolist examined expressed himself strongly in favour of letting the Farm for short periods, but of this suggestion the Commission disapproved, chiefly on the ground that a system of letting for short periods would prevent capitalists from embarking their money in the business.

On the first of the current month 4,000 chests of Bengal opium were sold, realizing Rs. 31,10,725, or Rs. 5,19,725 more than the estimated price. It is worthy of remark that the average price per chest was the highest obtained during the year, viz., Rs. 1,377-10-11. The estimate for 1877 is for 49,500 chests at Rs. 1,143, to produce a total of Rs. 5,68,40,000, and up to date 28,000 chests have been sold at an average of Rs. 1,351-2-0.—Pioneer.

Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates sitting.)
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Peter Wilson, a steward unemployed, was charged under the following circumstances. Daniel Denny, a private belonging to H. M. 28th Regiment, said he was in town last evening, and met the defendant: he recollected that; but what happened afterwards he did not know, as he got too much drunk. He found himself in the gutter early this morning. He looked for the comrade he had with him last evening, and noticed him lying on the other side of the road. Both witness and his comrade were without their caps and boots. Shortly after this a constable took them to the Station, and upon their representations a constable was sent with them to the place where they found themselves this morning, and in a house close by their boots and caps were found. Defendant acknowledged having met the defendants last night, but since then he was not in their company. They and several others got drunk together. The boarding house keeper accused defendant of bringing drunken men to his house. This morning he was awakened by one of the men, who shook him, and defendant asked him what he wanted; he replied he wanted his cap and boots. The boots and caps were afterwards found under a bed.—Discharged.

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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."]
(By Southern Line.)

THE WAR.

LONDON, Nov. 14th, 1877.

Suleiman Pacha has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Turkish army in Roumelia; Azli Pacha has been appointed Commander of the Turkish troops at Rasgrad.

A Russian official despatch substantially confirms the news of the Turkish success at Arzize on the 9th instant.

Marshall MacMahon has requested the French Ministry to retain their office.

THE WAR.

LONDON, Nov. 15th, 1877.

Russian troops are crossing the Etropol Pass.

It is believed at Russian headquarters that General Ghazi Osman Pacha is preparing to break through the enemy.

General Skobelev has captured the Green-hills redoubt at Plevna.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A letter from Macao says:—The Naval A.D.C., by request of the Portuguese Community of Hongkong, will give a performance at the Lusitano Theatre on Saturday week for the benefit of the poor of Macao. We hear with gratitude that our brethren at Hongkong have started two dramatic companies with the same praiseworthy object. The parishioners of Santo Antonio celebrated the other day the 30th anniversary of the appointment of the Rev. Canon Silva as their acting vicar. The Rev. gentleman is in robust health, and still seeing, his appointment having never been confirmed.

Tan Rev. W. Fleming Stevenson, Secretary to the Foreign Mission of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, is at present on a visit to

this Colony. He arrived from Japan via Shanghai and the Coast Ports by the Douglas, on a tour of visitation or inspection of the Missions of all Societies in China and India, commenced at the instance of the General Assembly of his Church. He comes armed with letters of introduction from Dr. Duff, of Indian fame, and others who take a prominent part in the work of Missions; and we trust that such a practical course, looking with one's own eyes, so to speak, may lead to sound and sensible action on the part of all supporters of missions at home. Mr Stevenson is well known as the author of the religious work entitled "Praying and Working," as well as the writer of many vigorous magazine articles.

An event of considerable interest (says the Straits Times) as bearing on the much-vexed question of the control of the Secret Societies has transpired within the last day or two, and of illustrating the change which has come over their leading spirits, is worth recording. Some three weeks since the Protector of Chinese, who has succeeded the Inspector General of Police as Registrar of the Societies, issued a notice requiring the Societies to forward a return of newly-joined members in accordance with the Act. One Society only complying with the requisition, and the stated time having expired, summonses were on Friday last, issued against the headmen, returnable to-day. (6th). As an infringement of the Act renders each headman liable to a fine of \$500, this compelled some attention, and an attempt was made to gain the ear of the Inspector General of Police. As he however declined to hear them, the headmen finally came to the Protector, and promised a most ample apology, and a full compliance with the regulations, if the summonses were allowed to stand over. The apology was accordingly handed in, and all resistance is at an end. As we were, and still are by no means sanguine of the success of the Protectorate, we are glad to be able to record, that on this occasion at least, it has rendered good service.

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each or 6 months' hard labour for keeping a public gambling house, the others \$10 each or 6 weeks' hard labour for frequenting the same. The whole of the defendants were sent to prison in default of payment.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.
(Before His Honor Mr Justice Snowdon,
with a Special Jury.)
Nov. 16, 1877.

HERNSHEIM AND ANOTHER v. W. H. FORBES,
EXECUTOR OF THE LAST WILL OF J. U. SANDS,
and
CROSS-ACTION.

The Attorney General, the Hon. G. Phillips, instructed by Mr Brevett, appeared for Mr Forbes, and
Mr Hayllar, G.C., instructed by Mr Denys, appeared for Messrs Hernsheim & Co.

The following Special Jury was empanelled:—Messrs J. R. Landstein, A. Newton, Theo. Jackson, J. H. Scott, A. McE. Easton, A. Corcoran, and C. E. Thomson.

These actions arose out of a contract for the building of a steamer, the *Phaethon*, Messrs Hernsheim & Co., merchants, entered into a contract, on the 8th December 1876, with the late Captain J. U. Sands, of the West Point Patent Slip and Dock Company, for the building of a steamer according to specifications and to the rules of Lloyd's for classifying the vessel a first-class one. The contract price was \$23,700, to be paid in four instalments of \$5,900, \$4,000, \$5,000, and \$10,000; the last payment to be made when the vessel was delivered. The time, for completing the vessel was to be, in five months from the date of agreement, in default a penalty of \$40 for every day the delivery was delayed. The vessel, owing to various alterations, was not taken possession of by Messrs Hernsheim & Co. until the 18th October last, who received her and paid the last instalment, with all reservation of their rights of claim against the builder. The vessel was completed prior to this, but she was found unsatisfactory in regard to speed, and draught, at the first trial trip. These defects were so far remedied that after the second trial, delivery was taken

